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Mr. Ken A. Kluksdahl Mine Manager Tenneco Minerals Company P. O. Box 2650 St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Kluksdahl:

Notification of 2nd Solution Breach, Approval of Solution Ditch Covers, Goldstrike Re: Mine, Tenneco Minerals, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

Thank you for informing the Division about the second solution breach which occurred at your mine site on March 9, 1990. I apologize for the unforeseen delay in formally acknowledging your verbal and written notification. I appreciate the extra effort you took to personally contact me at my home the evening of the incident. Your remedial measures to neutralize and cleanup the spill were appropriate given the extenuating circumstances and timing of the event.

Tenneco has reportedly corrected the source of the problem and taken measures to prevent this from reoccurring. We have no other recommendations to further mitigate the situation at this time.

This letter also formally approves your revised proposal (received April 9, 1990), to cover the open solution ditches at the Tenneco Mine. You have indicated that Tenneco's "sister" operation in Nevada has had very good success utilizing the 24" sectioned and slotted ADS pipe. As I discussed with you over the telephone, should this system prove unsuccessful, another option that has proven effective in Nevada is to use perforated pipe covered by @18" of gravel in the open ditches.

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Again, thank you for keeping us apprised of the ongoing status of operations at your minesite.

Sincerely,

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